

## FACTS AND FANCIES.

BY ALLAN D. MAY.

Adown a pleasant country way, an old man strolled along,  
The light of joy was in his eye and in his heart a song;  
For him the dreams of vanished youth had all come true at last,  
His weary feet had found the trail that leads back to the past.  
How often as a barefoot boy, he trod this very road  
That took him to the valley where the winding river flowed.  
How often in the olden days his youthful feet had strayed  
Through timber where the rabbits lived and big red squirrels played.  
But years had come and years had gone and in the world of trade  
Two decades of his life were spent, his fortunes had been made.  
The youthful hunter, light of heart, with fancy free and bold,  
Became the seeker after wealth, the hunter after gold.  
But often in his busy life, forgetting stock and bond,  
The man had gazed with wistful eyes, his office walls beyond  
And longed to pass once more beneath the timber's pleasant shade  
Where once the rabbits used to dwell and big red squirrels played.  
And so one day he journeyed back and sought the olden road,  
And took the gun he almost had forgotten how to load.  
The springing step of youth had gone, the shoulders had been bowed,  
But Oh the joy to be again far from the maddening crowd;  
At last he saw the timber lay, bathed in the summer glow,  
The same old trees still beckoning as in the long ago,  
But all at once his eyes grew moist, the picture lost its charm,  
He saw a sign in letters bold "No Hunting on This Farm!"

We know some men, who if measured at their true worth, would be about as valuable as so many cancelled postage stamps.

Some men envy the president of the United States but not nearly so much so as some women envy the president of a woman's club.

When the straw hat season comes again it will be in order for you to consult your pocket book and then formulate your Panama policy.

A man rushed into his office and sat down on a pin which some one had carelessly left on the seat of a chair. He did not scream, or turn pale or make any demonstration whatever, for it was a safety pin.

A doctor had told a man that if he didn't quit drinking he would die inside of a year. The man swore off and suffered all kinds of agonies for three weeks and then he got the pneumonia and was gathered to his fathers. Even with his dying breath he abused the doctor for causing him so much unnecessary suffering.

We saw Paul Kruger's name in the paper the other day and had to think twice before we could place him. Sic transit gloria, etc.

We imagine that President Roosevelt saw a new phase of the strenuous life, when the senate fired that Gorman resolution at him. The motto of the solons would seem to be, "If you don't see what you want, ask for it."

One of the Falls City churches has a number of members who live in the country. The pastor has announced that during the winter the services will be cut short in order that the horses won't have to stand so long in the cold. It strikes us that this minister has about the right idea of serving the Lord.

The coal we burn, once existed in the form of trees that made up the primeval forests of pre-historic ages. Now if you could figure out how many cords of wood were required to make a ton of coal and should take the present prices of these two forms of fuel as a basis, you might figure out how much richer or poorer the world has been made by the transformation of the pre-historic forests into coal. By the side of such a computation, the problem involving the age of a certain lady named Ann would fade into insignificance.

In life's great game of love and hate,  
Stand pat!  
When you come face to face with Fate,  
Stand pat!  
True, in the fight of bluff with bluff,  
You may be handled very rough,  
But "damned be he who cries Enough,"  
Stand pat!  
When hedged about by Circumstance,  
Stand pat!  
It still may be your saving chance,  
Stand pat!  
What though your hand in value lacks  
Your opponent only sees the backs,  
And fortunes have been won on jacks—  
Stand pat!

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## STATE PRESS COMMENT.

### Ask Us Something Easy.

Can anyone inform this department just what the ground hog's intentions are this year.—Verdon Vedette.

### The Leopards Spots.

It is said that radium can make a negro white. If this is true it will soon put an end to the habit of lynching.—Auburn Herald.

### Favors Expansion.

Uruguay, about as big as Nebraska, has a resolution. The smaller the nation the oftener its internals get out of order.—Globe-Democrat.

### Practically a Cinch.

It seems that war between Russia and Japan is not only "certain" and "assured" and "inevitable," but is becoming more so every day.—Tobias Express.

### New Puzzle.

How old was Ann? has been laid on the shelf with the famous 15 puzzle, "Pigs in the Clover," and various other headache promoters, and in every store in Nebraska the loafers and town gossips are trying to solve the puzzle "When is a senator not a senator?"—Auburn Post.

### Real Paramount Issue.

Is it conceded that Mr. Bryan will be a delegate from Nebraska to the democratic national convention to be held in St. Louis in July and some of the democratic papers are wondering who his choice is for the nomination. This speculation is unnecessary. He is for Bryan first, without a present second choice.—Sterling Sun.

### Bad as Anti-Toxin Trust.

Some galoot of a scientist had an ornamental receptacle made and put a little pinch of radium in it, and made a present of the gew-gaw to the queen of England. The effect is likely to be disastrous for all the women of the kingdom now want a like article of bric-a-brac and their competition will be deadly against that of the doctors who want what little there is of it for a cancer cure. The queer will do well to nip this folly in the bud by giving her new bauble to the court physician.—State Journal.

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It has been noticed that the czar has not been recommending the Hague cure for the international illness afflicting himself and Japan. Rather he has leaned toward placing his trust in God—The God reputed to be on the side of the heavy batallions.—Hastings Tribune.

### So Spake the Prophets.

As predicted by this paper during the late campaign little Johnnie Martin has "stuck in his thumb, pulled out a plum," but there was nobody to say, "what a good boy am I." Johnnie has been appointed court reporter to serve Judge Kelligar. Martin is supposed to be a republican and as is well known, Judge Kelligar is a fusionist. Martin's paper, the Falls City Journal, fought Mr. Reavis (republican) during the campaign, and was favorable to Judge Kelligar. Can you read anything between the lines? There are no doubt, a number of stenographers in the ranks of the fusionists of the district who would liked to have received the appointment mighty well, but they are doomed to disappointment. Just how well this move will set on the stomachs of our fusionist brethren we do not know nor are we going to lay awake nights worrying about it. Judge Babcock's reporter will be "Jack" O'Keefe.—Tecumseh Chieftain.

### Wanted.

At the City Hotel, a good lady cook. Good place and good wages. Wm. McPherson; Prop.

Petty thieves have been committing depredations in the western part of Hall county.

Thomas Peck, an old resident of Garfield county has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for attempting to murder his son.

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